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IN RE APPLICATION OF

BOUGUELERET ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/553,816

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FOR: SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES REDUCED CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement of November 23, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Group III, claim 8, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, including SEQ ID NOs:1-6.

Applicant files a one month petition for extension of time herewith, and believes that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, if it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 504409 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

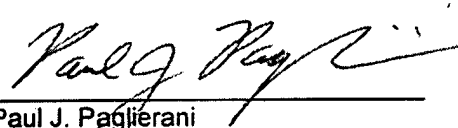
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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